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Rebels have Evacuated the City.

Columbia Burned by Sherman's

Order as Just Retaliatory Measure.

Extracts from Richmond Papers.

Very Latest News from Mexico.

More Blockade Runners Captured.

New York, March 2.—The World has the following additional particulars concerning the burning of Columbia: When the Army appeared off Charleston Harbor a dispatch boat arrived with important news, which it repeats. It illustrates a parallel of the situation. The officer who brought the intelligence reports that soon after Sherman's troops entered Columbia, the capital of South Carolina, the rebel citizens there endeavored in every possible manner to harass our troops. The troops which entered the city after its capture, the capital of South Carolina, the rebel citizens there endeavored in every possible manner to harass our troops. The troops which entered the city after its capture, the capital of South Carolina, the rebel citizens there endeavored in every possible manner to harass our troops.

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A bill in relation to the Pacific railroad was passed in the Senate to-day. It provides as follows: That on July 1st, 1864, shall be so modified and amended so as to allow the Central Pacific Railroad Company, Western Pacific Railroad Company of California, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and all other companies provided for in said act, to issue their 30 year bonds, 6 per cent. interest, payable in lawful money of the United States, on separate roads, and said companies are hereby authorized to issue, respectively, their bonds to the extent of \$100,000,000 in advance of continuous completed miles of road.

The assignment made by the Central Pacific Railroad of California to the Western Pacific Railroad of said State, of the right to construct all that portion of said railroad and telegraph from San Jose to Sacramento is ratified and confirmed to the Western Pacific Railroad Company, with all its rights and benefits of the several acts in relation thereto and to all the conditions thereof; provided, that all the time within which said Western Pacific Railroad Company shall be required to complete the first twenty miles of their road shall be one year from the first of July, 1865, and that the entire road shall be completed on or before the first of July, 1867, at the latter point with said Central Pacific Railroad Company in four years thereafter.

The Finance Committee on disagreeing over the amendment to legislative appropriation bill by which the House makes appropriations for increase of salaries of its employees reported unanimously to agree. An amendment was offered that the Senate agree to an appropriation of \$400,000 for such contingent expenses as may be incurred by resolution of House. Adopted 21 to 19.

The Indian appropriation bill was passed with amendment, authorizing all Indians to be employed in the service of the United States and settle on public lands, under the homestead law.

Recess till evening. EVENING SESSION. Mr. Wilson, from the Military Committee, reported on the bill, H. R. 100, for the purpose of amending the act relating to the appointment of Captains of Cavalry.

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